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Documents US 2004/0034258, WO 03/074422, EP 1489075 are the English-language counterparts of Documents JP 2002-102709, JP 2003-327425 and JP 2003-327581, respectively, as listed on the attached International Search Report. Documents A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A9, A10 and A11 are in English. English-language translations are attached for documents A7 and A8.

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